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1 Q. Do you agree with res- -- that with
2 respect to the opioid epidemic, it is important
3 to be able to understand the causes in order to
4 address -- and try and address the problems
5 that exist; is that fair?

6 A. That became more and more clear
7 over time, yes.

8 Q. Okay. Did Summit County do
9 anything in 2010, the date of this document
10 marked as Exhibit 6, or before 2010 to
11 investigate the causes of the opioid epidemic
12 within Summit County?

13 MS. KEARSE: Objection to form.
14 Mischaracterizes the testimony.

15 A. I -- I don't remember if there was
16 anything specific that we did in 2010. Again,
17 that was the -- the year that Bill Harper left
18 and I was appointed as director. At that point
19 in time in our community, we were struggling
20 with methamphetamines and bath salts, I believe
21 were -- were two of the most significant issues
22 that -- that took up a lot of our attention.

23 But we were getting information
24 from our providers that would indicate that --
25 that there was an increased demand for services

1 specific to people who are opiate involved.

2 Q. By 2010, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did you undertake to try and
5 understand -- do you agree -- do you have a
6 view as to whether or not, by 2010, Summit
7 County was experiencing an opioid epidemic?

8 A. Do I agree or do I understand --

9 Q. Do you have a view as to whether or
10 not, by 2010, Summit County was experiencing an
11 opioid epidemic?

12 A. Based on -- based on some
13 information that was provided to us from one of
14 our providers, we were investigating.

15 Q. You hadn't made a determination by
16 2010 as to whether or not you had an opioid
17 epidemic on your hands?

18 A. We were not so much concerned about
19 whether there was an opiate epidemic as we were
20 about whether or not there was a need for
21 increased capacity for services.

22 Q. Do you have a view, Mr. Craig, as
23 the head of the Summit County ADAMHS Board
24 since 2010, as to whether or not by that year,
25 2010, Summit County was experiencing an opioid